

Household Pulse Survey User Notes

Phase 3.8

Date: March 22, 2023

Release Note on Phase 3.8 Collection of the Household Pulse Survey

On March 1, 2023, the Household Pulse Survey (HPS) entered Phase 3.8 and began collecting data with an updated questionnaire. The only substantive change made to the survey in this phase is the addition of a new "None of these" checkbox option for the FD6 question, which asks about federal food benefit programs. All Phase 3.7 content continue to apply in Phase 3.8.

Phase 3.8 is currently scheduled to collect data into May 2023. It will continue the two-weeks on, two-weeks off collection and dissemination approach that began with Phase 3.3. This latest phase is scheduled to have three distinct collection cycles and data releases.

Week 55: March 1 – March 1, 2023 (data released on March 22, 2023)

Week 56: March 29 – April 10, 2023 (data released April 19, 2023)

Week 57: April 26 – May 8, 2023 (data released May 17, 2023)

Users can access the Phase 3.8 questionnaire on the [Measuring Household Experiences during the Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) Pandemic](#) website, and all previous questionnaires from the survey are available on the [Technical Documentation](#) webpage.

Release Note on Content Changes to the Questionnaire

New Content for Phase 3.8

No new content was added for Phase 3.8.

Updated Content for Phase 3.8

FD6: A new checkbox option, "None of these," has been added to the question asking about the receipt of Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits and The Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) benefits.

Removed Content for Phase 3.8

- No content was removed for Phase 3.8.

Release Note on Phase 3.8 Data Product Updates

Changes to the HPS Table Package

Food Table 1 through Food Table 6 in the Phase 3.8 table package has been modified to account for the additional checkbox response option in the FD6 content. Additionally, the universe for Health Table 3b was updated to better align with the table content. Data users can explore the full table specification package under “Phase 3.8 Methodology” on the [Technical Documentation](#) webpage.

Changes to the HPS Interactive Data Tool

No changes were made to the HPS Interactive Data Tool for Phase 3.8.